



**europaean
community**

PRESS RELEASE

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE

2100 M Street Northwest, Suite 707, Washington D.C. 20037 • Telephone: (202) 296-5131

April 15, 1970

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

COMMON MARKET ANNOUNCES PUBLICATION OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS YEARBOOK: 1958-1968

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 15 -- The Statistical Office of the European Communities today announced the publication of the most recent data from the national accounts of the six Common Market countries -- Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands -- for the period 1958-1968 and, for comparison, certain aggregate data for the United Kingdom, the United States, and Japan.

The yearbook "National Accounts: 1958-1968" provides an integrated body of information on national product and national income trends, the use and source of goods and services, the contribution to the domestic product made by various types of activity, total employment and paid employment, the distribution of national income, the breakdown of capital formation and consumption, the operation of households and public authorities, and operations with the rest of the world.

The annual also introduces two new series of tables. The first gives a detailed breakdown of taxes for each member country according to the classification used in national accounting. The second gives tables on financial operations for the Community countries according to a pattern already based largely on the European system of national accounting.

The data in the yearbook is based on the national accounting system of the United Nations and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). A changeover to the European system of Integrated National Accounts (ESA), being developed by the Six, will be introduced in two years with the figures for 1970.

The Washington Information Office is taking orders now for the yearbook which will be available in May. The price is \$2.00.

#